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SUBJ: INTER-AFRICAN COFFEE ORGANIZATION MEETING (IACO)

OCTOBER 1975.

1. EXCEPT FOR THIS OPENING CEREMONY, THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED IACO MEETING IN NAIROBI WAS CLOSED TO ALL OBSERVERS. IN POST CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS WITH CERTAIN DELEGATES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ELABORATION OF THE OPENING DAY REMARKS WAS OBTAINED.

2. KENYA'S EXPRESSED POSITION FOR THE FORTHCOMING ICA LONDON MEETING IS TO AGAIN PRESS FOR A BIGGER ICA QUOTA, HIGHER PRICES AND ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF OLD STOCKS (PAPER QUOTAS) IN DETERMING QUOTAS. KENYA, AS WITH MOST OTHER AFRICAN PRODUCERS IS NOT IN A POSITION TO FINANCE LARGE STOCKS OF COFFEE AND IS AGAINST USING THE LARGE STOCKS HELD BY SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS ONE BASIS FOR DETERMING ICA QUOTAS. IN ADDITION, THEY FEEL THAT THESE STOCKS ARE OLD AND HAVE NO COMMERCIAL VALUE.

3. APPARENTLY, THE IACO AS A BLOCK WILL PRESS FOR THE KENYAN POSITION AS EXPRESSED IN POINT 2.

4. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS KENYA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
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JERMAH NYAGAH STATED THAT THE ICACO OFFICE SHOULD BE MOVED TO NAIROBI. IN LATTER CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR. APPARENTLY THE WEST AFRICAN MEMBERS (FRENCH ORIENTATED)

OPPOSED HIS SUGGESTION.

5. NINETEEN OF THE TWENTY-ONE AFRICAN MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MEETING. ONLY ETHIOPIA AND MALAWI WERE ABSENT. ANGOLA WILL BECOME THE TWENTY-SECOND MEMBER NEXT YEAR. JEREMIAH J. NYAGAH, KENYA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE REPLACES J.J. MUNGAI (TANZANIA AGRICULTURAL) AS CHAIRMAN OF IACO FOR 1975/1976. SINCE LAST YEAR'S MEETING WAS HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM AND THIS YEAR'S IN NAIROBI, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT NEXT YEAR'S WILL BE IN WEST AFRICA, POSSIBLY IVORY COAST.
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